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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 30, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 28, 2006, your reconsideration is requested for the subject application, based on the arguments presented in this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

No extensions are believed necessary for this filing. However, applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions or other relief associated with this filing and authorizes the commissioner to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.